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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Theodore Babbitt  
Assistant Director  
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Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT:

Analysis of Soviet Press and Radio Reaction

I am attaching the information on "Soviet Press and Radio Reaction" requested in your memorandum 30 March to the Special Assistant for Research and Intelligence.

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Acting Director

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Attachment

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B. Bikini tests

The first Bikini test was reported by the July 3, 1946 edition of all newspapers in a TASS story from New York, based on Associated Press and Reuters reports. The comments by TASS minimized the effect of the bombing. On the same day a feature article on the Bikini test appeared in Pravda, which criticized the expenditure on the test, the results, and the alleged non-scientific nature of the test, and commented upon plans for control of the bomb. No further reaction appeared until July 26, when a TASS report of the underwater test of July 24 was published, again based on an Associated Press story. The effect of the explosion on the ships and the atoll was minimized.

C. Eniwetok test

No report on the test at Eniwetok appeared in the press.

D. The Merck report and Mr. Forrestal's press release of March 13, 1949 on BW

No comment on either appeared in the Soviet press.

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